

**PATENT**  
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FOR : **COUPLER WITH IMPROVED PIN LOCK**  
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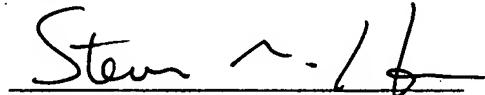
37 C.F.R. §1.98(d)

This application claims priority from U.S. Application Serial No. 10/014,078 filed December 11, 2001 and relies upon same for an earlier effective filing date under 35 U.S.C. §120. Copies of documents AK-AN cited herein, that were cited to or by the Office in the 10/014,078 application, have not been provided.

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